

# Mrs. Falk Defeats Miss Bayard in Final for First Metropolitan Tennis Championship

## National Indoor Title-Holder Triumphs in Two Straight Sets

Former Miss Pollak Wins by 6-2, 6-4; Miss Wagner and Mrs. Stenz Take Laurels in Doubles by Outplaying Mrs. Briggs and Mrs. Morris

Playing the best game she had flashed since the tournament began a week ago, Mrs. Edward A. Falk, the women's national indoor champion, won the first Metropolitan singles championship at the 7th Regiment Armory yesterday morning, defeating Miss Martha Bayard, of Short Hills, N. J., in straight sets, 6-2, 6-4. The doubles title went to Miss Marie Wagner and Mrs. B. F. Stenz, who won from Mrs. L. Gouverneur Morris and Mrs. Benjamin Briggs, 6-2, 6-1.

Great interest was attached to the singles match because Miss Bayard, who is hardly more than a novice at the game, had featured the tournament by winning all of her matches up to the final in sensational manner. The Jersey girl eliminated a number of experienced players who were looked upon as contenders for the semi-finals, and when she took the court yesterday morning Miss Bayard was conceded to have a good chance with the former Miss Pollak.

Without detracting one iota from the performance of Mrs. Falk, it can be said that Miss Bayard has played much better tennis than she displayed yesterday. It is doubtful if she would have defeated Mrs. Falk even had the junior been at her best, so brilliantly did the title holder play, but Miss Bayard appeared nervous and lacked the control which had marked her previous efforts.

**Winner Plays Steady Game**  
Mrs. Falk, on the other hand, was unusually steady and accurate. She drove with terrific speed and maintained a calm tenacity in the pinches, when inconsistency would have meant defeat. The champion made any number of beautiful kills during the two sets, and at no time was she seriously threatened, except possibly in the closing game of the second set.

In this session Miss Bayard made a spirited rally, but a four-game lead was too much for her to overcome. Miss Bayard's generalship toward the end was equal to that of her opponent, but she did not recover her control in time to stop the rush of the champion, and Miss Falk came into possession of the first of the cup emblematic of the closed the contest with a volley of fine trick.

The overwhelming victory of Mrs. Wagner and Mrs. Stenz in the doubles match was a surprise to the large gallery, as it was expected that Mrs. Morris and Mrs. Briggs would run considerably closer in the matter of points if defeated. The result was largely due to the fine defensive work of Miss Wagner, although her partner was equally as effective on the offensive.

**Profit by Rivals' Errors**  
The winners played at top speed all the way, and turned many of their opponents' misplays into points. It was the fastest four-handed game of the tournament, and the gallery was particularly enthusiastic in acclaiming the victorious pair when Miss Wagner closed the contest with a volley of fine trick.

Miss Madeline Westervelt won the final of the consolation singles, defeating Miss Helen Hooker, 6-3, 6-4. This was the closest consolation match of the tournament.

The point score in the singles final was:  
FIRST SET  
Mrs. Falk 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188, 189, 190, 191, 192, 193, 194, 195, 196, 197, 198, 199, 200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, 209, 210, 211, 212, 213, 214, 215, 216, 217, 218, 219, 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